Wastage of power'

†3436. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35 per cent power is getting wasted without any utilization at present;

• (b) if not, the average rate of loss of power at national level; and

(c) the extent of such loss of power cut of the said percentage which is bound to be happen as a result of distribution of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) As per the information complied by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on "Performance of State Power Utilities (SPUs) for the year 2005-06", Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) Loss for 2005-06 of the State Power Distribution Utilities at national level was 34.54%. AT&C loss includes unavoidable technical loss, theft and energy consumed by legitimate consumers but not paid for. As per the guidelines issued by Central Electricity Authority for reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, the unavoidable technical loss in Indian conditions is about 10—15%.

Rural electrification in **Orissa**

3437. SHRI B.J. PANDA
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of rural electrification under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Orissa;

(b) whether the progress of electrification belies the assurances of the Ministry to approve proposals of all the districts of the State under the above project by 2006 end; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to speed up rural electrification in the State to cover all the rural segments under this project?

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